GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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OPENING OF RIVER GRIDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open river grids in floody areas in various States for flow of water;

(b) if so, whether such an arrangement is also likely to be made from North to South so that water of Ganga and other rivers could flow to South; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The National Perspective Planfor Water Resources Development prepared by Central Government in 1980 envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from presently assessed surplus basins like Ganga, Bhahamputra to water deficit basins like Krishna, Cauvery for the optimum utilization of water resources. The Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA)as an Autonomous Society in July, 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of the National Perspective Plan. NWDAhas completed water balance and prefeasibility studies of all the link proposals. NWDA has identified 30 links for preparation of the feasibility report. Implementation of such water transfer link proposals would depend on various factors like consensus among the basin States regarding the proposed transfer, preparation of detailed project reports and availability of funds etc.